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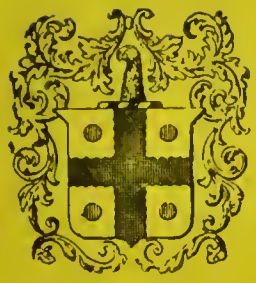

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

1960

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HEALTH OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

BY

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Topography

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Lancashire, N.E.

53° 46″ to 53° 48″ latitude.
2° 22″ to 2° 24″ longitude.

Enfield

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.
Mean level, 470 feet.

Oakenshaw

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.
Mean level, 390 feet.
Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.
550 to 200 feet.

Climate

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.
Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

Soil

Moorland, Clay.
Surrounding Hills : On the North the Pennine Range.
North-East : The Pendle Hills.
North-West : Minor Hills.
Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

Rivers

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

Canals

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

Industries

Brick-making, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Electric Domestic Appliances, Emery Cloth, Horticultural Insecticides and Fumigants, Pleasure Boat Building.

Area	1039.922 acres
Area of Water	18.078 ,,
	1058 ,,

Population

Census 1951	6,825
Estimate, mid-1960	6,790
Rateable Value, 1960/61	£79,478
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1960/61	£307

Inhabited Houses

Census, 1931	2,101
According to Rate Book, 1960	2,398
Average Persons per House	2.83
Uninhabited Houses	38

Population

Year			Year		
1851	...	3,292	1946	...	6,607
1861	...	4,679	1947	...	6,680
1871	...	5,390	1948	...	6,698
1881	...	6,694	1949	...	6,774
1891	...	7,134	1950	...	6,742
1901	...	8,159	1951	...	6,823
1911	...	8,868	1952	...	6,817
1921	...	8,579	1953	...	6,997
1931	...	7,909	1954	...	7,020
1941	...	7,034	1955	...	7,010
1942	...	6,820	1956	...	6,980
1943	...	6,664	1957	...	6,900
1944	...	6,705	1958	...	6,860
1945	...	6,410	1959	...	6,800
			1960	...	6,790

Inhabited Houses

Year		
1921	Census	2,063
1931	,,	2,101
1941	According to rate books	2,228
1951	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,289
1952	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,311
1953	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,390
1954	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,391
1955	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,395
1956	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,396
1957	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,396
1958	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,397
1959	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,398
1960	,, ,, ,, ,,	2,398

Council Offices,
Clayton-le-Moors.
1961.

To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the District for the year 1960.

During the year the mass miniature X-ray unit visited the district, the response was good. A number of cases of tuberculosis were found the figure being somewhat above the national average, but it is important, however, not to over-emphasise this as in comparatively small figures minor variations are statistically exaggerated.

Measles was, as expected, prevalent during the year, but mild.

I thank the Clerk of the Authority and Mr. Bailey our hard working Public Health Inspector for their help throughout the year and yourself Mr. Chairman and the Committee for their support through the year.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

	Live Births		Stillbirths		Total	I.D.	Infant Deaths			Neo-Natal Mortality				Illegitimate Live Births	Maternal Mortality			Deaths all causes	
Year	No. Registered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n	No. Registered	Rate Per 1,000 pop'n	Live and Still-births	No. Registered	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live-births	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Legitimate	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Illegitimate	No. Registered	Neo-Natal	Early Neo-Natal	Peri-Natal	% of Total Live-births	No. Registered	Inc. Abortion	Rate per 1,000 Live & Still-births	No. Registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n
1958	95	14·5	1	10·4	96	10	105·3	112·0	Nil	5	52·6	Nil	Nil	6·3	Nil	Nil	Nil	112	16·3
1959	97	14·3	4	39·6	101	3	30·9	32·2	Nil	1	10·3	Nil	39·6	4·1	Nil	Nil	Nil	85	12·5
1960	112	16·5	3	26·1	115	3	26·8	28·3	Nil	2	17·9	17·9	43·5	5·66	Nil	Nil	Nil	97	14·3

* Adjusted { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1·05) = 17·3 per 1,000
death-rate (comparability factor, 1·09) = 15·6 per 1,000.

Causes of Death During 1960	Male	Female	Total
Syphilitic disease	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
,, ,, lung, bronchus	1	—	1
,, ,, breast	—	1	1
,, ,, Uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ...	2	4	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	10	17
Coronary disease, angina	12	8	20
Other heart disease	4	9	13
Other Circulatory	2	1	3
Pneumonia	4	3	7
Bronchitis	4	1	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	—	1
Ulcer and Stomach and Duodenum	1	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	—	1
Congenital Malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	3	3	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
All other accidents	1	1	2
Suicide	3	—	3
Totals ...	52	45	97

The following Sections of the Report viz. :—

PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
HOUSING AND INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION
OF FOOD

have been prepared by

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Public Health Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA, 1960

Ambulance Facilities

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Nursing

The Home Nursing Service is provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Domestic Help Service

The County Council provides this : the Home Helps are engaged on an hourly basis and are available for maternity cases and cases of illness.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly, Ante and Post-Natal Clinics are now held on alternate weeks. The help of the ladies on the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged.

Day Nursery

This service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority, Accrington. The nursery was opened on the 9th February, 1953, and is capable of providing all necessary facilities and accommodation for 50 children. The staff consists of 1 Matron and 5 Assistants and charges are made according to the financial circumstances of parents seeking admission for their children, the maximum being 6/- per day, per child, with a proviso that any second child, etc., is only charged at the rate of 3/- per day.

School Medical Inspection

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.

Hospitals

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

Health Education

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics, and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Accrington District Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required. The conversion, as time goes on, of waste water to fresh water closets will, however, increase the water needs of the district.

Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year 1960 and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 . ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5		—		—		—	

	Pulmonary			*Non-Pulmonary*		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Number of Cases on the Register at 31/12/60	22	15	37	4	—	4

Mortality Rate for 1000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. nil.

During the year 4 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register, and 7 new cases were added the reasons being as follows :—

Recovered or Quiescent	4
Transferred into Area	2
New Cases	5

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the Regional Hospital Board and County Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year 1960.

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	6	—	—	—
Measles	113	—	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—	—
Total ...	123	—	—	—

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951
Section 1

Nil.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Public Health Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1960 was 2225.

From these visits, 66 nuisances and defects were noted and 140 were remedied.

43 informal notices and 4 Statutory notices were issued.

Closet Accommodation

Number of houses and premises using :—

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers) ...	1,820
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	1,272
Pail Closet System	2
Total number for houses and premises	3,094

60 blocked drains, in connection with waste-water closets, were opened.

During the year, 91 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

Refuse Accommodation

Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year—Nil.

There are 2,550 movable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled and is situated on the old printworks site at Oakenshaw and Woodlands.

Income :—Tipping charges ... ... £23 2s. 6d.

Public Cleansing, 1960

Ashpits emptied	1
Dustbins emptied	118,080
Cesspools, etc., emptied	1
Privy Pails	Nil
Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips ...	1,031
Motor loads of street sweepings removed to tips ...	4
Motor loads of gulley refuse removed to tips ...	28
Motor loads of clinkers, etc., used for top dressing	53
No. of loads tipped by private contractors on refuse tip	185
Houses fumigated	11

Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during year ended 31st December, 1960

	T.	C.	Q.		Approx. Value £	s.	d.
Paper	30	4	3	...	196	11	2
	30	4	3	...	196	11	2

Shops Act, 1950

303 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(*i*) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	9	—	—
(*ii*) Factories not included in (*i*) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	63	81	5	—
(*iii*) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - worker's premises)	1	1	—	—
Total ...	81	91	5	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	9	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(*a*) Insufficient ...	1	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	12	—	—	—	—
Total ...	34	—	—	—	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator and all complaints are fully investigated. The rodent control methods used by the Authority are in accordance with those recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Systematic inspection and disinfestation of surface properties for rats and mice were continued during the year, and the bi-annual treatment of the sewers and manholes has had a considerable effect in reducing infestations both in the sewers and surface properties, in addition, the refuse tip and river banks have been treated to control any possible infestations. During the year free treatment was again afforded to dwellings.

The following table gives a summary of the work done throughout the past year.

	No. of Premises Inspected	No. of Premises found Infested	No. of Treatments carried out
Rats	25	22	31
Mice	7	7	8

Sewer Treatment

	Date	No. of Manholes Treated	Complete Takes	Partial Takes
Full Maintenance	25 to 29/4/60	46	—	—
Test Bait ...	17 to 27/10/60	63	2	2

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1960

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

		Houses	Flats
(*i*)	By the local authority ...	—	—
(*ii*)	By other local authorities ...	—	—
(*iii*)	By other bodies or persons	—	—

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 44

(*b*) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 118

(2) Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—

(*a*) Number found during the year ... ... —

(*b*) Number (or estimate number) at end of year ... 47

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ... 35

2. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced During Year Persons	Displaced During Year Families
In Clearance Areas—			
(*i*) Houses unfit for human habitation...	—	—	—
(*ii*) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements etc.	—	—	—
(*iii*) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 ...	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas—			
(*iv*) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(*v*) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health			
(*vi*) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	—	—	—
(*vii*) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—

3. Unfit Houses Closed—

	Number		
(*i*) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(*ii*) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 ...	—	—	—
(*iii*) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied—	By Owner	By Local Auth'ity
(*i*) After informal action by local authority...	29	—
(*ii*) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts	3	—
(*b*) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	——	—
(*iii*) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ...	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)—

	1 No. of houses	2 No. of separate dwellings contained in Col. I
Position at end of year		
(*i*) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) Under Section 48	—	—
(*b*) Under Section 17(2)	—	—
(*c*) Under Section 46	—	—
(*ii*) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 ...	—	—
6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement— Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year	—	—

Housing Act, 1949—Improvement Grants, etc:—

Action during year :	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses affected	No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses affected
(*a*) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	—	—	—	—

(*c*) Finally approved by Ministry or Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(*d*) Work completed ...	—	—	—	—
(*e*) Additional separate dwellings included in (d) above	—	—	—	—

(*f*) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars)

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants Action during year.

	No. of Schemes	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(*a*) Submitted to Local Authority	49	49
(*b*) Approved by Local Authority	49	49
(*c*) Work completed	69	69

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Meat and other foods :—The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughterhouses in the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

LIST OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS FOR YEAR 1960

	lbs.
Tinned Boneless Cooked Hams	51½
,, Luncheon Meat	32
,, Fruit (various)	15
Sausage Meat	20½
Fish Raw	7
Total	126

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949/54
Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1949/53

No. of licences issued in respect of Wholesale Distributors :—

Supplementary Licences	(Pasteurised)	3
,, ,,	(Sterilized)	3
,, ,,	(Tuberculin Tested) ...	2

No. of licences issued in respect of Retail Distributors :—

Pasteurised Milk	15
Sterilized Milk	30

Milk Samples

During the year 40 samples of milk were taken in the area and submitted to the Pathological Laboratory, Preston, for Bacteriological and Biological tests, the results being as follows :—

Samples for Biological Examination

	No. of Samples	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No Result
Total No. Submitted	40			
Results :—				
(*i*) Tuberculosis	9	—	9	—
(*ii*) Brucellosis Ring Test ...	31	9	22	—
(*iii*) ,, Culture ,,	—	1	6	2
(*iv*) ,, Biological ,,	—	1	—	—

Samples for Statutory Tests

	No. of Samples	Results		
		Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Void Sample
Raw Milk :—				
(*i*) Methylene Blue Test ...	9	9	—	—
Heat Treated Milk :—				
(*i*) Methylene Blue Test ...	—	—	—	—
(*ii*) Phosphatase ,, ,, ...	—	—	—	—
(*iii*) Turbidity ,, ,, ...	—	—	—	—

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	29
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream. Hot Mix	1
Premises registered for the retail sale of ice cream ...	30

Preserved Foods

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods	7

Infectious Diseases

13 books from the library were fumigated prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BAILEY,

Public Health Inspector.